

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ronald Vale *et al.*

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Examiner: Shibuya, M.L.

Entitled: **ASSAYS FOR DETECTING MODULATORS OF
CYTOSKELETAL FUNCTION**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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MS Amendment

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Dear Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of time is provided thereby extending the period for reply until June 20, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

amendments to the specification shown on page 2;

amendments to the claims reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3; and

remarks and arguments beginning on page 4.